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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: U.S.-IRAN WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING

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1. BASED ON REFTEL HUD PREPARED TO SEND RONALD D. STEGALL AND ARCHIE M. ANDREWS TO ADVANCE "POSITIVE ACTION" ITEMS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND PERHAPS DEVELOP OTHERS IN DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO ECONOMY AND FINANCE MEETING, PROVIDED SIMONIAN AVAILABLE AND WILLING TO DO SO AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE ARE ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF NOT ONLY BEEFING UP "POSITIVE ACTION" ITEMS ON AGENDA BUT PREVENTING SLIPPAGE BY HOLDING MEETINGS AT THIS TIME. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY SHOULD TRY TO HAVE SIMONIAN CONFIRMATION OF INFORMAL AGREEMENT REACHED IN WASHINGTON TO INCLUDE IN E&F COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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2. IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPING DETAILS OF TECHNICAL SEMINAR

AND PROPOSED NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING, HUD WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE VARIOUS AREAS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MINISTRY OF HOUSING INCLUDING BETTER MEANS OF IDENTIFYING U.S. COMPANIES FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION.

3. TIME PERMITTING, HUD REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIKE TO (A) MEET WITH APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION BANK OFFICIALS AND

VISIT CURRENT MODEL HOUSING EXHIBITION; (B) MEET OFFICIALS OF AMERICAN-IRAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND IRAN CHAMBER; (C) MORTGAGE BANK AND HOUSING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS OF IRAN SECTION OF WORKING GROUP; AND (D) OTHER CONTACTS EMBASSY MAY RECOMMEND.

4. THEY ALSO WOULD HOPE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME WITH COMMERCIAL SECTION TO DISCUSS WORKING GROUP PLANS FOR COMING YEAR.

5. STEGALL AND ANDREWS ETA WOULD BE AUGUST 1 AT 18:30 HOURS ON PA 2, AND ETD OPEN BUT DEFINITELY BY AUGUST 8. MEETING WITH SIMONIAN AND HOUSING MINISTRY PERSONNEL COULD BE AUGUST 2 OR 3. HOPEFULLY, OTHER PARTS OF PROGRAM ABOVE COULD BE SCHEDULED BEFORE OR AFTER ECONOMY AND FINANCE MEETING BUT WE UNDERSTAND IRANIAN HOLIDAYS MAY INTERFERE WITH AUGUST 5 AND 6.

6. PLEASE ADVISE SIMONIAN REPLY AND, IF AFFIRMATIVE, ARRANGE FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND LET US KNOW WHAT OTHER PARTS OF PROGRAM CAN BE SCHEDULED. KISSINGER

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